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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 7 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

the international application as originally filed

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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language

the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).

the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).

the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

contained in the international application in written form.

filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____

the claims, Nos. _____

the drawings, sheets/fig _____

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rule 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

1. The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

 the entire international application. claims Nos. 27-29

because:

 the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 27-29 relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (specify):

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 the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. _____ are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (specify): the claims, or said claims Nos. _____ are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed. no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. 27-29

2. A meaningful international preliminary examination cannot be carried out due to the failure of the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing to comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions:

 the written form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard. the computer readable form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.

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Supplemental Box
(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of: III.1

Claims 27 to 29 pertain to methods for the treatment of the human body by therapy, and thus relate to a subject matter for which this International Preliminary Examining Authority is not required to carry out an international preliminary examination under the provisions of PCT Article 34(4)(a)(i) and PCT Rule 67.1(iv).

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>4, 10, 12-18, 20, 22-25, 30-32</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-3, 5-9, 11, 19, 21, 26</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>4, 10, 12-18, 20, 22-25, 30-32</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-3, 5-9, 11, 19, 21, 26</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-26, 30-32</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: WO 02/68407 A1 (Yamanouchi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.), 06 September 2002

Document 2: WO 02/57223 A2 (Les Laboratoires Servier), 25 July 2002

Document 3: WO 01/17992 A1 (Merck & Co., Inc.), 15 March 2001

Document 4: WO 95/00507 A1 (The Boots Co., PLC), 05 January 1995

Document 5: US 4695575 A (Jansen Pharmaceutica N. V.), 22 September 1987

Document 1 cited in the international search report discloses compounds which correspond to the compounds that are set forth in claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11 and 19 (refer to examples 99 to 101).

Document 2 cited in the international search report discloses compounds which correspond to the compounds that are set forth in claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 9, 11 and 19 (refer to example 18).

Document 3 cited in the international search report discloses compounds which correspond to the compounds that are set forth in claims 1, 5 to 7, 9 and 11 (refer to examples 76, 90 and 104).

Document 4 cited in the international search report

discloses compounds which correspond to the compounds that are set forth in claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 11 (refer to example 86).

Document 5 cited in the international search report discloses compounds which correspond to the compounds that are set forth in claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11 and 19 (refer to example 39, no. 129 and 130 and the like).

Claims 1 to 3, 5 to 9, 11, 19, 21 and 26

The inventions that are set forth in claims 1 to 3, 5 to 9, 11, 19, 21 and 26 are disclosed in documents 1 to 5 cited in the international search report, as indicated above; therefore, the inventions in question lack novelty and do not involve an inventive step.

Claims 4, 10, 12 to 18, 20, 22 to 25 and 30 to 32

The inventions that are set forth in claims 4, 10, 12 to 18, 20, 22 to 25 and 30 to 32 are not disclosed or suggested in any of documents 1 to 5 indicated above; therefore, the inventions in question are novel and involve an inventive step.

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The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

Claim 2

Claim 2 of the present application sets forth "prodrugs of the compounds that are set forth in claim 1." However, it is not clear from the disclosure in question specifically what types of compounds are included within the scope thereof.